

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Appreciation is expressed to Examiner Redman for taking the time to briefly discuss this application during a telephone discussion on September 18, 2007. The telephone discussion involved the claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph based on the claim language reciting a wire winding pulley provided "at the step panel." It is noted in this regard that the Official Action refers to Claims 1 and 9. It is understood that this was intended to be a reference to independent Claims 1 and 13.

As discussed during the during the telephone conference, Claim 1 is amended to recite that the wire winding pulley is provided in the step panel. This language follows the language in lines 12-15 on page five of the application. Examiner Redman indicated that such language would be more acceptable and would address the outstanding claim rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

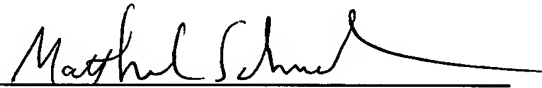
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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